English 3

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Period 1

Krick? Krack! Essay

**In the book Krik? Krak! Edwidge Danticat shows several struggles for the Haitians. Using the story “Between the Pool and the Gardenias” it discusses the loss of hope, deaths of a loved one, and the abandonment of babies. The book takes place in Port-au-Prince or Ville Rose, Haiti, or New York, they do not overlap.**

**A dead baby is found on the street by Marie. She names it Rose and tells it about her miscarriages, her cheating husband, and the Dominican pool-cleaner who slept with her once. The baby rots, so she covers it with perfume, she finally decides that Rose’s spirit is being trapped and buries Rose by the gardenias. The Dominican police were called, saying “Marie killed the baby for evil purposes.”**

**The stories in Krik? Krak! suffering experiences are demonstrated in his or her own way. The characters come from different backgrounds and have very different experiences, but they all share the same pain. Like in “Nineteen Thirty-Seven,” Josephine’s mother practically worships a Virgin Mary (“Madonna”), she incorporates this into voodoo rituals to honor her ancestors. Then there’s Guy from in “A Wall of Fire Rising,” that tries to challenge his hope by getting a brief moment of glory, even though it must end in death. Also in “Between the Pool and the Gardenias,” Marie’s hope becomes a delusion when she pretends to find the daughter she always wanted.**

**Haiti’s wealth disappeared it was replaced by an extreme poverty that only got worse over the next few centuries. The struggles suffered by the Haitians’ are also struggled by others. Hope is always being lost because of what is always happening. Love ones pass away because that’s the way of life. The abandonment of babies is cruel by the way parents don’t have the heart to care. This story will impact anyone’s life that is going through any similar situations as the characters of the book Krick? Krack!**